4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Islands.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.

6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu..

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

Draft National Policy for NGOs

1113. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared a draft National Policy, proposing a slew of measures to regulate funding and functioning of NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the policy is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Planning Commission has not prepared any National Policy proposing measures to regulate funding and functioning of NGOs. However, Planning Commission has prepared a Draft National Policy for the Voluntary Sector, to enable an independent and effective voluntary sector. The Draft has yet to receive appropriate approvals.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Privatisation of power sector

†1114. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to make reforms in the power sector the outcome of privatisation of power sector in Orissa and Delhi have not been satisfactory;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is a need to reconsider the policy regarding fixing the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

partnership of private sector in other sectors for the development of the country in future; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the amount of dividend prescribed by Government in private sector as a result of their partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the experience with privatising distribution in Orissa and Delhi has not been completely satisfactory to date.

(b) It is clear that privatisation is neither a necessary nor a sufficient condition in itself for power sector reforms. However, privatisation remains part of the solution to achieving these reforms.

(c) and (d) GoI has constituted a Committee on Infrastructure (CoI)—under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister—with the objectives of initating policies that would ensure time bound creation of world class infrastructure—delivering services matching international standards, developing structures that maximize the role of public private partnerships (PPPs) and monitoring progress of key infrastructures projects to ensure that established targets are realized. The CoI has *inter alia* mandated preparation of model concession agreements (MCA) in the Highways, Ports and Airports sectors to ensure an efficient allocation of risk and fair and transparent awarding of the PPP contracts. A MCA for PPPs in the Highways sector has already been prepared and approved by the CoI.

Special package for Nagaland

1115. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Eastern region States particularly Nagaland have sought special package for the economic development of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are likely to grant the above package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) No proposal for special package for economic development of North Eastern States, particularly for Nagaland, has been received or is under consideration of the Government.